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Protection Advisory Council



Meeting Summary

The fourth meeting of the Federal Advisory Council of the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Committee, chaired by Eileen Claussen, Director, Office of Atmospheric and Indoor Air Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, USEPA, was held on Tuesday, April 24, 1990. A list of attendees is attached. All of the participants attended the meeting at the Columbia Room, Holiday Inn Capital, 550 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this meeting was for the Federal Advisory Council to discuss the progress of the negotiations on the Montreal Protocol and other issues related to ozone protection. The topics discussed included: (1) the status of negotiations on controls to be placed on the various ozone depleting substances (2) the status of negotiations on technology transfer and financial assistance provisions for developing countries under the Protocol, (3) the recently released ANPRM on CFC recycling, and (4) a possible volunteer labeling program for products containing ozone depleting substances.

1. STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON CONTROLS TO BE PLACED ON OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

Eileen Claussen summarized the results of the last set of meetings in Geneva. She explained that at the end of these meetings Tolba put out a "Note by the Executive Director" that described his set of proposals for controlling ozone depleting substances. Ms. Claussen felt it generally followed what the U.S. expects to be the outcome of the negotiations in June.

1.1 Halons

Content of Dr. Tolba's Note:

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 100 percent phaseout by 2000 with an exemption for essential uses.

Other positions expressed in Geneva:

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- The Soviet Union was the only country that expressed unhappiness with a phaseout of halons and Ms. Claussen explained that she felt a large part of their concern was the result of a misunderstanding about what the exemption for essential uses included.
- The Nordic countries and the Canadians expressed support for a phaseout by the year 1995 on the assumption that halons in the bank could be used for remaining uses over the next five or more years. Ms. Claussen felt that this position was unlikely to garner enough support to overcome Dr. Tolba's position.

1.2 CFCs

Content of Dr. Tolba's Note:

- 20 percent reduction in 1993.
- 85 percent reduction in 1997.
- 100 percent phaseout in 2000.

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• While there was general agreement on a 2000 phaseout, the timing of intermediate reductions was discussed a great deal. The Europeans proposed a deeper set of cuts in the initial years and there was a lot of discussion about a 50 percent reduction by 1995 either in addition to or instead of the 1997 reduction. Ms. Claussen stated that the Tolba proposal was likely to be accepted because of the general feeling that it would take some time for substitutes to become available.

1.3 "Other CFCs"

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- Ms. Claussen explained that Dr. Tolba had wanted a total dollar figure to be decided at the meeting in Geneva. But after several consultants gave presentations, a general agreement was reached that a number for the next 20 years was not possible.
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2.3 Source of Funding

- Ms. Claussen reported that a lot of discussion centered on whether contributions to the fund should be voluntary or mandatory. She noted that the U.S. position is that contributions should be voluntary.
- Ms. Claussen reported that there was some discussion over how the burden of the funding should be

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- The role of bilateral funding was also discussed because some countries wanted to be able to maintain special relationships which already existed and take advantage of a streamlined process. The disadvantage that was raised was that if too much funding was done bilaterally the distribution of funds would not be as efficient.

2.4 Use of Funding

- Ms. Claussen said that most of the discussion had centered on what the funding would actually be spent on and she distributed a draft of a paper presented in Nairobi that had tried to define the kinds of incremental costs that would be included.
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2.5 Complications

- Ms. Claussen guessed that many of the donor countries were concerned about the precedent that a large contribution to this fund might set for other issues, although none were opposed to the notion that the fund would be supplied from additional resources.
- There was also concern that "the green fund" which the World Bank is now discussing, could make the negotiations for the Protocol fund more difficult because the World Bank fund is expected to be very large in comparison and could make developing countries less likely to accept the smaller size of the fund proposed with the Protocol.
- Mr. Miller asked if the World Bank fund would be part of the negotiations at the June meeting. Ms. Claussen

2.6 Questions and Comments

- Mr. Miller also asked if other developing countries have participated in the negotiations or if only Dr. Tolba has been present. Ms. Claussen reassured him that other countries such as Mexico, Brazil, China, and India have all played a role and she gave a brief history of their positions.
- Mr. Miller asked further if India and Brazil had clarified their positions. Ms Claussen responded that she thought Brazil would accept a proposal similar to the one she had outlined, but that India continued to state that they want to decide how they would spend the sum of money which they were allotted. She did not have a feeling for what would ultimately be acceptable to India. She also reported that she thought China would find the proposed funding acceptable.
- Ms. Hall asked if Ms. Clausen thought these funding issues had the potential to be deal breakers. Ms. Clausen responded that it very well could be a major sticking point but that one strategy to deal with it would be to combine all the amendments into one bundls so that developing countries must accept all the conditions in order to receive any funding.
- Mr. Likes asked if countries are more concerned with items specific to their country than the total amount of funding. Ms. Claussen responded that it was difficult to tell because while the countries realize the amount does not need to be very large to begin with, they want a commitment for future projects.
- Ms. Hall asked how the East Block fit into the scheme.
 Ms. Claussen responded that they had a problem as donors because they do not have exchangeable currencies and they would not receive money from the fund.
- Ms. Hall expressed the thought that if this was a potential deal breaking point going into the negotiations, would it not be a good idea to put off finalizing agreement on it for a few months. Ms. Claussen responded that she thought the meeting would be a failure if some decisions on some items were not made in June.

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- Ms. Cook raised the point that the problem with the UN scale being used for determining donor contributions is that some developing countries would be required to make larger contributions than developed countries. Ms. Claussen expressed agreement that this was a problem and it had been discussed.
- Mr. Smukowski offered that in his experience with waste and source reduction programs there are five phases of funding that correspond to steps that need to be taken. He said that initially people think they need more money than they do and they can not spend it all. Then the costs build to a peak and once the program gains better focus the funding needs drop back down.
- Mr. Vogelsburg raised the issue of whether technology transfer could be another possible sticking point. Ms. Claussen responded that she was unsure because she and other people have had a problem deciding what technology transfer means.
- Mr. Smukowski asked how the U.S. planned to bank the technology and whether there would be some sort of offsets for technology versus funding. Discussion continued as the possible use of these offsets in trading with the East Block were discussed.
- Mr. Feder asked if the technology transfer issue was a Dr. Tolba initiative or if it was pushed by other countries. Ms. Claussen responded that India keeps talking about a blank check and free technology. She pointed out the it took a while for people to understand that governments do not own the technology and she hoped that would be clarified at the meeting.
- Mr. De Canio raised the need for a tangible commitment of funds by the U.S. to avoid the dynamics of the budget process from becoming a problem. There was general agreement that this was true and that it should be possible since the initial amounts of money are small.
- Mr. Smukowski raised the possibility of increasing the data reporting requirements to avoid having the funds dissipated as they funnel through governments. Ms. Claussen agreed with the need to avoid having the funds wasted but doubted that increasing the data requirements would be the way to achieve this.
- Mr. Likes asked if there were any estimates of the fund costs after the first three years. Ms. Claussen responded that it was difficult to come up with those

numbers and referred to the estimates of costs for the phaseout in the U.S. She also noted that some members would like to put a cap on it but she felt that there was so much uncertainty that even that would be hard to do. Mr. De Canio noted that many cost estimates will be revised down as new technology becomes more available and that this had already happened to some degree.

 Mr. Smukowski asked if the cost estimates included operating costs such as might result from increased drying time. Ms. Claussen responded that while some attempt was made to include these costs, they are only estimates.

3. CFC RECYCLING

3.1 ANPRM

- Mr. Lee stated that the ANPRM for recycling was recently signed, and noted that its release took longer than expected because the topic drew a lot of attention from people within the government and EPA.
- The first half of the ANPRM discusses the need for recycling, focusing on EPA's perception of these needs. It then describes methods for developing regulations to implement a recycling program and identifies outstanding issues that need to be dealt with such as issues of compliance and preemption.
- The second half of the ANPRM addresses the technical aspects of recycling within the individual sectors. Issues are raised in the following sectors: mobile air conditioning, stationary air conditioning and refrigeration, solvents, halons, and sterilization.
- Mr. Lee stated that comments from committee members addressing the issues would be very helpful. Ms. Claussen added that, assuming EPA decided to go forward with recycling rules, it would be beneficial to receive comments on the ANPRM as early as possible so EPA could move quickly to the next step in the rulemaking process. Mr. Lee stated that there was a 60 day comment period on the ANPRM.

3.2 Goals of Recycling Program

 Mr. Lee described the first goal of the program as a reduction in the amount of chlorine in the atmosphere which could be achieved through recycling and declamation. The second goal for recycling was to provide a reservoir pool of recycled CFCs which could be used in existing equipment. This would extend the lifetimes of machines, that may be retired early if no CFCs were available in the year 2000. Mr. Lee pointed out that substantial regulatory activity was occurring on the state level indicating the likelihood of success for a recycling program.

3.3 Implementation

- Mr. Lee said the most common method discussed by EPA was direct regulation, where the agency asked particular sectors to report their use, capture and recycle of CFCs, and use equipment that meets specifications.
- Another approach is the use of market incentives involving a deposit refund system. Under this method people buying CFCs pay a distributer a deposit for the use of CFCs. Following the use of the CFCs, the purchaser would reclaim and return them to the distributor to obtain a refund. This would raise the price of CFCs.
- Non-regulatory programs were the final option discussed.
 Mr. Lee said that this might work in some sectors like halons and the salvage industry.
- Mr. Lee explained EPA's most likely approach will be to develop a program on a sector by sector basis. He stated that it was not EPA's intention to come out with a great big package that addressed recycling in all areas, but instead they will look at individual sectors, identifying sectors such as, automobile air conditioning, and stationary refrigeration and air conditioning, where regulation can move quickly. These sectors experienced rapid changes in technology which would allow EPA to develop more detailed regulatory programs. Other sectors, which need further study, were effectively put on hold while EPA reviewed them to see if voluntary programs were more suitable.

3.4 Issues Raised by ANPRH

- The first issue described by Mr. Lee was private-public sector relations. This involves what type of program is implemented.
- The second major issue was one of preemption especially concerning the current Clean Air Act.

The final issue he raised was compliance. The problems which will arise under this issue included: how do you monitor compliance, do you require people to have equipment on site, do you require certification and training programs, and do you require annual reporting to the EPA. A final issue which related to compliance was the relationship between the federal, regional, and state governments in developing effective compliance programs.

3.5 Questions and Comments

- Mr. Doniger expressed concern about EPA's ability to keep things on track. He asked whether the ANPRM included a schedule of EPA actions in both areas where they want to implement direct regulations and in areas that they wanted to put on hold.
- Mr. Lee responded that in areas where direct regulation was appropriate they laid out dates while in sectors such as, solvents, the ANPRM did not mention dates.
- Mr. Doniger asked if there were any problem areas where the members of the Advisory Committee might help alleviate any roadblocks in the regulatory process. He thought that this was possible because the members of the Advisory Committee, along with the users, want the supply extended through recycling.
- Mr. Smukowski expressed a concern that the information on EPA recycling regulations would not reach equipment designers. He asked EPA to target education as a goal and solicit reactions from mechanical standards groups.
- Mr. Lee stated that EPA was working closely with ASHRAE, and ARI.
- Mr. Vogelsberg thought that the CFC tax preempted any fee for deposit used in recycling programs. He also expressed a need for EPA to increase the knowledge of any recycling program to all areas of the government in an attempt to increase the number of government groups volunteering to return materials to industry.
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 believed that this is one of the most compelling reasons
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4. VOLUNTARY LABBLING PROGRAM

David Lee raised the issue that many products are advertized as ozone safe, yet still deplete ozone -- although at a lower rate than the products they replace. EPA is developing a set of voluntary labeling guidelines, which have four main objectives:

4.1 Objectives of Labeling Guidelines

 The labeling program would 1) assist in phase-out reductions of ozone depleting chemicals, 2) clarify and standardize the ozone safe labeling of products, 3) ensure honest advertizing, and 4) provide an incentive for producers to develop ozone safe goods.

4.2 Scope and Method

• Labeling would be voluntary, and would consist of positive identifications of goods as ozone "safe," "friendly," or "friendlier," according to some criteria. These criteria should be kept simple, and apply only to products containing CFCs. EPA is working with the FTC to develop a formal proposal for the program.

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- Mr. Garabedian asked if there are any provisions for labeling CFCs, and Mr. Doniger replied that there are such requirements only for aerosols that were exempted from the CFC ban.
- Mr. Garabedian noted a negative labeling provision that applies to R-12 (refrigerator) cans.

4.4 Affects of Labeling on Producers and Consumers

Mr. Vogelsberg argued that, for labeling to have merit, there must first be viable substitute options open to the manufacturer. Otherwise labeling may wrongfully dissuade a consumer from buying a product.

- Ms. Cook responded that, because of widespread misconceptions about CFCs, labeling and recycling are needed to educate the public.
- Mr. Doniger expressed concern that labels should not be focussed solely on ozone depletion, but on overall environmental safety. Ozone safe labels should not weaken the current proposals for negative labeling.

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- Ms. Aulisic asked if federal labeling would preempt state provisions, and how a specific, nationwide labeling language would be developed. Mr. Soorus felt strongly that their should be federal preemption to avoid higher prices, market contortions, and conflicting standards.
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4.6 Items of General Concern

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5. OTHER

Ms. Aulisic expressed concern about the handling and processing issue due to what she perceived as a lack of communication between EPA's Air Office and Toxics office. This initiated a discussion of the pros and cons of listing CFCs and Halons under SARA Title III.

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Meeting Summary

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2. STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON FINANCING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Ms. Claussen provided a summary of the negotiations in Geneva on financing and technology transfer for developing countries. She indicated that many of the representatives for the countries present did not have clear instructions on what their positions should be, and reflected this by indicating discussions would have to be held in capitols before agreement can be reached.

2.1 Institutions

- Ms. Claussen stated that a consensus existed at the meeting that existing institutions would be used instead of a new single fund. The World Bank was the financial institution of choice and UNDP and the UNEP Paris office were suggested as sources of technical assistance.
- It was also generally agreed that the mechanism should not be too unwieldy and that only a small oversight committee should be used to administer the program through the existing organizations.

2.2 Size of Fund

- Ms. Claussen explained that Dr. Tolba had wanted a total dollar figure to be decided at the meeting in Geneva. But after several consultants gave presentations, a general agreement was reached that a number for the next 20 years was not possible.
- It was decided to work on three year planning cycles and at present to identify the costs involved in the next three years.
- Through communication with Washington, some calculations were done to determine a rough figure for the first three years. The case studies in progress were used as a basis to extrapolate what costs would be involved in the next three years for both CFC and halon producing and using facilities in developing countries.
- The figure that was roughly estimated was \$100 million spread over the three years for countries that are now parties to the Protocol. Ms. Claussen noted that not all the money would likely be spent because of the time it takes to get projects going, and also noted that the figure might double if China and India were included.
- Mr. Vogelsberg expressed support for the number in light of the types of projects he thought would initially be needed such as conservation and recycling equipment.

2.3 Source of Funding

- Ms. Claussen reported that a lot of discussion centered on whether contributions to the fund should be voluntary or mandatory. She noted that the U.S. position is that contributions should be voluntary.
- Ms. Claussen reported that there was some discussion over how the burden of the funding should be

distributed. One option was to use the standard U.N. scale in which the U.S. pays 25 percent.

- Another option to distribute the funding burden is according to a country's percent of contribution to ozone depletion based on its 1986 consumption of CFCs. There was some support for this proposal but also some concern about the precedent this would set for other environmental projects.
- The role of bilateral funding was also discussed because some countries wanted to be able to maintain special relationships which already existed and take advantage of a streamlined process. The disadvantage that was raised was that if too much funding was done bilaterally the distribution of funds would not be as efficient.

2.4 Use of Funding

- Ms. Claussen said that most of the discussion had centered on what the funding would actually be spent on and she distributed a draft of a paper presented in Nairobi that had tried to define the kinds of incremental costs that would be included.
- Ms. Claussen speculated that the most that could be expected to come out of the June meeting was an agreement in principle that the donor countries will make some commitment of funds which will not be very large at first. She also explained that she expects a working group to be established to hammer out the specifics of how the fund will operate.

2.5 Complications

- Ms. Claussen guessed that many of the donor countries were concerned about the precedent that a large contribution to this fund might set for other issues, although none were opposed to the notion that the fund would be supplied from additional resources.
- There was also concern that "the green fund" which the World Bank is now discussing, could make the negotiations for the Protocol fund more difficult because the World Bank fund is expected to be very large in comparison and could make developing countries less likely to accept the smaller size of the fund proposed with the Protocol.
- Mr. Miller asked if the World Bank fund would be part of the negotiations at the June meeting. Ms. Claussen

2.6 Questions and Comments

- Mr. Miller also asked if other developing countries have participated in the negotiations or if only Dr. Tolba has been present. Ms. Claussen reassured him that other countries such as Mexico, Brazil, China, and India have all played a role and she gave a brief history of their positions.
- Mr. Miller asked further if India and Brazil had clarified their positions. Ms Claussen responded that she thought Brazil would accept a proposal similar to the one she had outlined, but that India continued to state that they want to decide how they would spend the sum of money which they were allotted. She did not have a feeling for what would ultimately be acceptable to India. She also reported that she thought China would find the proposed funding acceptable.
- Ms. Hall asked if Ms. Claussen thought these funding issues had the potential to be deal breakers. Ms. Claussen responded that it very well could be a major sticking point but that one strategy to deal with it would be to combine all the amendments into one bundle so that developing countries must accept all the conditions in order to receive any funding.
- Mr. Likes asked if countries are more concerned with items specific to their country than the total amount of funding. Ms. Claussen responded that it was difficult to tell because while the countries realize the amount does not need to be very large to begin with, they want a commitment for future projects.
- Ms. Hall asked how the East Block fit into the scheme.
 Ms. Claussen responded that they had a problem as donors because they do not have exchangeable currencies and they would not receive money from the fund.
- Ms. Hall expressed the thought that if this was a potential deal breaking point going into the negotiations, would it not be a good idea to put off finalizing agreement on it for a few months. Ms. Claussen responded that she thought the meeting would be a failure if some decisions on some items were not made in June.

- Ms. Cook raised the point that the problem with the UN scale being used for determining donor contributions is that some developing countries would be required to make larger contributions than developed countries. Ms. Claussen expressed agreement that this was a problem and it had been discussed.
- Mr. Smukowski offered that in his experience with waste and source reduction programs there are five phases of funding that correspond to steps that need to be taken. He said that initially people think they need more money than they do and they can not spend it all. Then the costs build to a peak and once the program gains better focus the funding needs drop back down.
- Mr. Vogelsburg raised the issue of whether technology transfer could be another possible sticking point. Ms. Claussen responded that she was unsure because she and other people have had a problem deciding what technology transfer means.
- Mr. Smukowski asked how the U.S. planned to bank the technology and whether there would be some sort of offsets for technology versus funding. Discussion continued as the possible use of these offsets in trading with the East Block were discussed.
- Mr. Feder asked if the technology transfer issue was a Dr. Tolba initiative or if it was pushed by other countries. Ms. Claussen responded that India keeps talking about a blank check and free technology. She pointed out the it took a while for people to understand that governments do not own the technology and she hoped that would be clarified at the meeting.
- Mr. De Canio raised the need for a tangible commitment of funds by the U.S. to avoid the dynamics of the budget process from becoming a problem. There was general agreement that this was true and that it should be possible since the initial amounts of money are small.
- Mr. Smukowski raised the possibility of increasing the data reporting requirements to avoid having the funds dissipated as they funnel through governments. Ms. Claussen agreed with the need to avoid having the funds wasted but doubted that increasing the data requirements would be the way to achieve this.
- Mr. Likes asked if there were any estimates of the fund costs after the first three years. Ms. Claussen responded that it was difficult to come up with those

numbers and referred to the estimates of costs for the phaseout in the U.S. She also noted that some members would like to put a cap on it but she felt that there was so much uncertainty that even that would be hard to do. Mr. De Canio noted that many cost estimates will be revised down as new technology becomes more available and that this had already happened to some degree.

 Mr. Smukowski asked if the cost estimates included operating costs such as might result from increased drying time. Ms. Claussen responded that while some attempt was made to include these costs, they are only estimates.

3. CFC RECYCLING

3.1 ANPRM

- Mr. Lee stated that the ANPRM for recycling was recently signed, and noted that its release took longer than expected because the topic drew a lot of attention from people within the government and EPA.
- The first half of the ANPRM discusses the need for recycling, focusing on EPA's perception of these needs. It then describes methods for developing regulations to implement a recycling program and identifies outstanding issues that need to be dealt with such as issues of compliance and preemption.
- The second half of the ANPRM addresses the technical aspects of recycling within the individual sectors. Issues are raised in the following sectors: mobile air conditioning, stationary air conditioning and refrigeration, solvents, halons, and sterilization.
- Mr. Lee stated that comments from committee members addressing the issues would be very helpful. Ms. Claussen added that, assuming EPA decided to go forward with recycling rules, it would be beneficial to receive comments on the ANPRM as early as possible so EPA could move quickly to the next step in the rulemaking process. Mr. Lee stated that there was a 60 day comment period on the ANPRM.

3.2 Goals of Recycling Program

 Mr. Lee described the first goal of the program as a reduction in the amount of chlorine in the atmosphere which could be achieved through recycling and declamation. • The second goal for recycling was to provide a reservoir pool of recycled CFCs which could be used in existing equipment. This would extend the lifetimes of machines, that may be retired early if no CFCs were available in the year 2000. Mr. Lee pointed out that substantial regulatory activity was occurring on the state level indicating the likelihood of success for a recycling program.

3.3 Implementation

- Mr. Lee said the most common method discussed by EPA was direct regulation, where the agency asked particular sectors to report their use, capture and recycle of CFCs, and use equipment that meets specifications.
- Another approach is the use of market incentives involving a deposit refund system. Under this method people buying CFCs pay a distributer a deposit for the use of CFCs. Following the use of the CFCs, the purchaser would reclaim and return them to the distributor to obtain a refund. This would raise the price of CFCs.
- Non-regulatory programs were the final option discussed.
 Mr. Lee said that this might work in some sectors like halons and the salvage industry.
- Mr. Lee explained EPA's most likely approach will be to develop a program on a sector by sector basis. He stated that it was not EPA's intention to come out with a great big package that addressed recycling in all areas, but instead they will look at individual sectors, identifying sectors such as, automobile air conditioning, and stationary refrigeration and air conditioning, where regulation can move quickly. These sectors experienced rapid changes in technology which would allow EPA to develop more detailed regulatory programs. Other sectors, which need further study, were effectively put on hold while EPA reviewed them to see if voluntary programs were more suitable.

3.4 Issues Raised by ANPRK

- The first issue described by Mr. Lee was private-public sector relations. This involves what type of program is implemented.
- The second major issue was one of preemption especially concerning the current Clean Air Act.

• The final issue he raised was compliance. The problems which will arise under this issue included: how do you monitor compliance, do you require people to have equipment on site, do you require certification and training programs, and do you require annual reporting to the EPA. A final issue which related to compliance was the relationship between the federal, regional, and state governments in developing effective compliance programs.

3.5 Questions and Comments

- Mr. Doniger expressed concern about EPA's ability to keep things on track. He asked whether the ANPRM included a schedule of EPA actions in both areas where they want to implement direct regulations and in areas that they wanted to put on hold.
- Mr. Lee responded that in areas where direct regulation was appropriate they laid out dates while in sectors such as, solvents, the ANPRM did not mention dates.
- Mr. Doniger asked if there were any problem areas where the members of the Advisory Committee might help alleviate any roadblocks in the regulatory process. He thought that this was possible because the members of the Advisory Committee, along with the users, want the supply extended through recycling.
- Mr. Smukowski expressed a concern that the information on EPA recycling regulations would not reach equipment designers. He asked EPA to target education as a goal and solicit reactions from mechanical standards groups.
- Mr. Lee stated that EPA was working closely with ASHRAE, and ARI.
- Mr. Vogelsberg thought that the CFC tax preempted any fee for deposit used in recycling programs. He also expressed a need for EPA to increase the knowledge of any recycling program to all areas of the government in an attempt to increase the number of government groups volunteering to return materials to industry.
- Mr. Likes supported an accelerated rate of work specifying standards for what reclamation equipment should do.
- Mr Vogelsburg pointed out that by implementing a
 national program the US will initiate the development of
 new technology which it can sell to other countries. He
 believed that this is one of the most compelling reasons
 for implementing a recycling program quickly.

Ms. Cook expressed concern about a voluntary deposit system because people could circumvent the program easily and keep emitting the chemicals. She believed a mandatory program was more wise.

4. VOLUNTARY LABELING PROGRAM

 David Lee raised the issue that many products are advertized as ozone safe, yet still deplete ozone -although at a lower rate than the products they replace.
 EPA is developing a set of voluntary labeling guidelines, which have four main objectives:

4.1 Objectives of Labeling Guidelines

• The labeling program would 1) assist in phase-out reductions of ozone depleting chemicals, 2) clarify and standardize the ozone safe labeling of products, 3) ensure honest advertizing, and 4) provide an incentive for producers to develop ozone safe goods.

4.2 Scope and Method

Labeling would be voluntary, and would consist of positive identifications of goods as ozone "safe," "friendly," or "friendlier," according to some criteria. These criteria should be kept simple, and apply only to products containing CFCs. EPA is working with the FTC to develop a formal proposal for the program.

4.3 Current Labeling Requirements

- Mr. Garabedian asked if there are any provisions for labeling CFCs, and Mr. Doniger replied that there are such requirements only for aerosols that were exempted from the CFC ban.
- Mr. Garabedian noted a negative labeling provision that applies to R-12 (refrigerator) cans.

4.4 Affects of Labeling on Producers and Consumers

 Mr. Vogelsberg argued that, for labeling to have merit, there must first be viable substitute options open to the manufacturer. Otherwise labeling may wrongfully dissuade a consumer from buying a product.

- Ms. Cook responded that, because of widespread misconceptions about CFCs, labeling and recycling are needed to educate the public.
- Mr. Doniger expressed concern that labels should not be focussed solely on ozone depletion, but on overall environmental safety. Ozone safe labels should not weaken the current proposals for negative labeling.

4.5 Legal Logistics of Labeling

- Ms. Aulisio asked if federal labeling would preempt state provisions, and how a specific, nationwide labeling language would be developed. Mr. Soorus felt strongly that their should be federal preemption to avoid higher prices, market contortions, and conflicting standards.
- Mr. Garabedian objected to preemption, saying that provisions should work together because they have the same intent, and that the message in the labels was more important than the wording.
- Mr. Smukowski said it was important to consider the many and complex labeling requirements that some manufacturers must follow.
- Ms. Cook stressed the need for continuity in standards and language for labels.
- Ms. Aulisio noted how there may develop confusion as to what are actual versus what are only perceived voluntary guidelines.

4.6 Items of General Concern

Mr. Vogelsberg affirmed that the main objective was to encourage the elimination of CFCs, and therefore it may be counterproductive to negatively label an HCFC product. Mr. Doniger disagreed, and cited McDonald's safe packaging campaign.

5. OTHER

Ms. Aulisio expressed concern about the handling and processing issue due to what she perceived as a lack of communication between EPA's Air Office and Toxics office. This initiated a discussion of the pros and cons of listing CFCs and Halons under SARA Title III.

- Mr. Doniger stated that the main purpose for listing these chemical was to get an annual report of the total quantity of halons and CFCs released into each of the various media.
- Mr. Smukowski, Mr. Soorus, and Mr. Vogelsberg believed that the listing Under Title III would unnecessarily increase the amount of paperwork and cost without reducing emissions, furthermore, since releases were only reported above certain thresholds the annual reports would be misrepresentative. Mr. Doniger countered that reporting requirements motivated companies to investigate their own inventories increasing awareness. Another purpose the reported numbers served was to draw attention to emissions which in turn drew attention to the problem.

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